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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

REFERENCE: [REDACTED]

1. Thank you for your comments on COM 529, 23 October 1957, "The Radio Broadcast Propaganda Struggle in the Middle East". Most of the differences between our estimates for the total power of radio transmitters in the various countries can be attributed to the date of the information and, as you implied, differences in estimating short wave transmitter power. The source used for obtaining most of the information on the power of transmitters was "Broadcasting Stations of the World" published by the Foreign Broadcasting Information Service. We have just recently received the latest edition of this source and their latest estimates are closer to those of BBC as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Present Power (kw)</u>	
	<u>PBIS</u>	<u>BBC</u>
Egypt	425-1025	645
Iran	130	140
Iraq	186	436
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Jordan	30	50
Lebanon	7	7
Libya	35	12
Saudi Arabia	45	115
Sudan	30-50	56
Syria	175-235	109

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2. With regard to the Egyptian estimates, the latest FBI estimate is smaller than the one given in COM 529. Differences between our estimates are probably in determining the transmitting power of the six transmitters of Abu Ismail which vary from 240-840 kilowatts.

3. Other more current information along with FBI information was used for Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Libya, and Saudi Arabia. For these countries, our estimates are generally closer together.

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4. Planned increases in transmitting power are very close with the single exception of [REDACTED] Once again, the planned estimate in COM 529 for [REDACTED] has subsequently changed to 200 kilowatts because one of the planned transmitters is now in operation. This change brings our estimates much closer together.

5. Your comments were greatly appreciated.

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